



*Holy Family
Roman Catholic Church (1883)*

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Pastor:
Reverend Bob Love
Secretary: Sherry Reitzel

Office Hours
9 am - 11:30 am
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

Mass Times
Tuesday—7:00 p.m.
Wed-Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary - 30 min before Mass

Confession
Saturday 4-5 pm
Or upon request

Marriage
*Please contact the parish
at least six months in advance.*

Baptism
*Contact the office at least four
month in advance
Request forms at back of the
church*

Holy Family Catholic School
Principal: Mark Modolo.
519-662-1734

*Sunday, December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent*



Men's Group Christmas Gathering

Thursday, December 14th, starting at 6:30 pm. All men from the parish are welcome to get together for a night of fellowship. Any one who would like to join this group are welcome to come to a meeting or call Ron Brander at 519-390-1211 for more information.

Family Foundation Institute presents Steadfast Hope - Men of Faith Conference 2024 Sat, January 20, 2024 8:00 am to 3:30 pm All Saints Parish, Strathroy \$40/individual, \$25/student We are inviting all men to join us on a transformative journey of faith at the 2024 Men of Faith Conference. Discover the path to living your faith in the world today through the inspiring words of Bishop Scott McCaig, CC. As he shares insights, you'll learn how recognizing Jesus Christ as our firm foundation leads to a hope that shines brightly for the world to see. To register: <https://famfi.ca/view/events/entry/9175/>

The next coffee is today, Sunday December 10

Please join us for coffee, tea and drinks for the kids. Plus there is always a snack. Visit with fellow parishioners, get to know those in your community.

We will also be having our children program "Kid's Chat". This program will run every other week. Children will learn about their faith through the Catechism and Liturgical year while playing games and engaging in great discussions. There is no cost for this program.

Wilmot Family Resource Centre, in partnership with the Wilmot Ecumenical Ministerial, is hosting a FREE, SIT-DOWN Christmas Dinner for those in Wilmot and Wellesley who are alone or lonely on Christmas Day. Steinmann Mennonite Church at 12pm on Dec. 25. Call WFRC or visit their website for more information: 519.662.2731

Christmas Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday, December 23rd 5 pm, Sunday, December 24th 10 am

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24th, 2023: Mass times are 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25th & 10 am

New Year's Eve: Sunday, December 31 at 5 pm
New Year's Day: Monday, January 1 at 10 am

* note there will be no Mass on Tuesday, December 26th or Tuesday, January 2nd.

MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY December 12

7:00 pm
+ Albert & Josephine Schmalz
Req. Jackie Gross

WEDNESDAY December 13

8:30 am
+Judith Kroetsch
Req. Estate

THURSDAY December 14

8:30 am
+Eileen Plouffe
Req. Moe Plouffe

FRIDAY December 15

8:30 am
+William Clark
Req. Patricia Clark

SATURDAY December 16

5:00 pm
Intention of the Hall Family
Req. Tom & Sharyn Hall

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 3, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$ 1,456.00
Building fund: \$ 375.00

Thank you for your generosity

Prayer Network

To request special prayers contact:
Marcella 519 - 662-2962
Sharon 519 - 634-8401

If you would like to join the prayer chain please contact Sharon Diebold.

News from the Diocese of Hamilton

Save the Date: The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass!
Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR TEENS

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. You are invited to share this resource with the teens of your school communities. The resource is located here : <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00pm. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:30pm), praise night and vocations talk (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton, ON L9C 2V2). Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Vocation Seeds:

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2023
John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Vocations Prayer Week of December 11

Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk

Married Couples

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Rev. Wallace Metcalf

Rev. Charles Galea

Rev. Robert Kiffman

Lives of the Saints

Pope St Damasus I (304 - 384)
Feast day December 11

A Spaniard, he was born about 305. Joining the Roman clergy, he was elected Pope in 366, in calamitous times. He held many synods against heretics and schismatics. He promoted the cult of the martyrs. He died in 384.

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Feast day December 13

She was martyred in Syracuse, probably during the persecution of Diocletian (which started in 303). Devotion to her spread rapidly across practically the whole Church and her name is included in the Roman Canon of the Mass.

St John of the Cross (1542 - 1591)
Feast day December 14

He was born in Fontiveros, in Spain, in about 1542. He spent some time as a Carmelite friar before, in 1568, Saint Teresa of Ávila persuaded him to pioneer the reform of the Carmelite order. This was a difficult task and a dangerous one: he suffered imprisonment and severe punishment at the hands of the Church authorities. He died at the monastery of Ubeda in Andalusia on 14 December 1591: the monks there had initially treated him as the worst of sinners, but by the time he died they had recognised his sanctity and his funeral was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm.

His works include two major mystical poems – he is considered one of the great poets of the Spanish language – and detailed commentaries on them and the spiritual truths they convey. He was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926.